

March 30, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

The Muskogee Board of County Commissioners met in session at 8:15 a.m. Members present were: Chairman, Keith Hyslop; Vice-Chairman, Kenny Payne; Member Ken Doke; and Muskogee County Clerk, Polly Irving.

1: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to Open the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The motion was unanimous.

2: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved the Purchase Orders. The motion was unanimous.

3: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved the Monthly reports. The motion was unanimous.

4: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved Regular meeting minutes for March 23, 2026. The motion was unanimous.

5: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Transfer of Appropriations for the Muskogee County Election Board. **John Tyler Hammons:** *"This is to transfer money from the election board's part-time help into their general personal service fund."* The motion was unanimous.

6: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Resolution consisting of a road removal of East 153rd Street South starting at South 126th Street East to East 135th Street East and East 135th Street East starting at East 153rd Street South to East 163rd Street South in District 2. **Keith Hyslop:** *"These are all farm roads that I have that no one really travels. Farmers."* **Kenny Payne:** *"Any idea, I mean I'm gonna move for approval. What about how many miles you're talking about?"* **Keith Hyslop:** *"Two miles."* **John Tyler Hammons:** *"Mr. Chairman, on number six, we did look up. It's title 69 or 68 OS646 paragraph A1. The commissioners can close a road by simple resolution. That does not vacate the road, so in the future you could reopen it. But in order to vacate it, you have to have a full-blown hearing. So, this is merely taking it off-counter inventory."* **Janet Hutson:** *"And you're right. First, it is title 69."* **John Tyler Hammons:** *"It is? Okay. I thought it was 68. Okay. We're good."* **Kenny Payne:** *"So, we're good to go?"* **Janet Hutson:** *"We can do it by resolution."* **Kenny Payne:** *"Was this a resolution, I guess? Okay."* The motion was unanimous.

7: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-08 for the Sheriff's Office consisting of vehicles that have zero use to the County and are intended to be sold. The motion was unanimous.

8: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved the Purchase of a 2021 Ford 3500 4x4 from Source Well for District 3, which Source Well was cheaper than the State Contract price, in the amount of \$27,500. The motion was unanimous.

9: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Hyslop, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-09 for Keefeton Fire Department consisting of video equipment and a fire extinguisher. The motion was unanimous.

10: Motion

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-10 for Braggs Fire Department consisting of 97 model truck that is intended to be sold. The motion was unanimous.

11: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved a Declaration of Surplus 2026-11 for Braggs Fire Department consisting of 120 pieces of old bunker gear intended to be thrown away. The motion was unanimous.

12: Motion – No Paperwork

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to deem Bid 2026-002 (Bridge Beams – Dist. 2) declined and void. **John Tyler Hammons:** *“These are the beams that District 2 put out for bid at the surplus. The bidder that received the award has made no contact with the county for in excess of 30 days, so we would like to ask that the bid be declared void, and we’ll go out for re-bid again, or re-advertisement.”* There was no paperwork signed to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

13: Motion

Commissioner Doke made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Payne, approved an Information Sheet from Warner Fire Department. **Polly Irving:** *“Warner has a new chief, so they’ve done some changing.”* **Ken Doke:** *“Yeah, mainly the thing I always look for is to make sure that requesting, receiving, and all that is not the same folks, or at least folks that we don't think are related or anything like that.”* The motion was unanimous.

14: Motion – No Paperwork

Commissioner Payne made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved a Pay Application 005 for the Okay Road Project. **Kevin Wilson:** *“005 has been reviewed by the contractor. They've reviewed it. They've sent it to the engineer for approval. They've approved it. It's been sent to the Department of Commerce for them to give it their OK. Central Bridge was doing some work in there, and I'm sealing a little bit of Section 3 documentation for them. As soon as they get that back to us, we'll put some information on that. I'm also not going to do a PO for it. It would get caught in the beginning process. On a side note, we're getting ready to dispose of about \$460,000 for the right-of-way acquisition we did. Now we're kind of getting our fuzz rotated, so we shouldn't have to take anything else out of use tax. We should be on a constant revolving money in, money out. We're getting there.”* **Ken Doke:** *“I didn't see that ODOC approval as it related to that, so that's a good thing.”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“The amount that paid number five is \$439,585.56. Again, all that it is a check and over. Everybody's OK with it. We're just waiting on a little bit of documentation.”* **Kenny Payne:** *“So nothing to sign right now?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“Nothing to sign today. Just approval, so whenever we get ready to have one new PO.”* **Ken Doke:** *“Has ODOC already reviewed that one as well?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“It's been sent to them. I haven't gotten a chance to read it, but it's been sent to them for review and they haven't already analyzed it. There shouldn't be any issues with it at all.”* **John Tyler Hammons:** *“I'm confused. You said no action, but then we need to approve this. What are you asking the board to approve?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“We're just accepting that number five will be ready to pay whatever funds are received. We're not paying it today. We're just accepting it as it's ready to go, it's accurate and ready to go.”* **Kenny Payne:** *“And who's paying? You said we're not paying?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“We're not writing a check today for it. We're just approving the PO as we do.”* **Kenny Payne:** *“So we will be writing a check for \$439,000?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“Whenever we get the documentation in? Yes.”* **Kenny Payne:** *“And that's for, again, what? Right of way?”* **Kevin Wilson:** *“No. This is for actual construction. This is road construction. As a matter of fact, they're pouring concrete for the main bridge today.”* **Ken Doke:** *“Let me make sure I understand. Okay. That's all right. Vendor goes, does the work, labor, equipment,*

whatever, and then they are submitting the payout, right? Which is what we got. So we have the, it's like a pay request. So, we're looking at it, reviewing it, make sure that they've actually done the work. And we're signing off on it. That's what we're approving today." **Kevin Wilson:** "We're signing off that the work's been done." **Ken Doke:** "Almost like a receiver, basically, that we're approving that the, yes, they submitted this. But we're not necessarily saying, hey, take this money out of use tax and pay them. What we're doing is approving the paperwork and sending it over." **Kenny Payne:** "Who makes that approval that they have done this much work? Who's checked? Who knows?" **Kevin Wilson:** "Oh, Brian sits down with the contractor each time when they submit one. And then it goes to the engineer for approval. And then it goes to the Department of Commerce for approval." **Ken Doke:** "And this is like the fifth one we've done." **Kevin Wilson:** "It's all out of my eyes. And they go through it line by line. All we're doing is approving that the work's been done. That they have signed off on. And before we actually do a PO and approve payment, it will come back to us this morning for payment." **Ken Doke:** "Right now, we're not approving any money spent. It's just approving the documentation." **Kevin Wilson:** "Right now, we're not approving any money spent. It's just approving the documentation. That the work's been done. And it's been checked off again by the county, by the engineer, and been approved by Commerce. So, again, we're not writing a check today. We're not approving payment. We're just approving that the work's been completed. And we do this on every one of these. Before it ever gets to this point, it's been checked at least three times before it ever gets to this point." **Kenny Payne:** "I don't know if it should be. Like, if Brian is our liaison or whatever to this project, I don't see his signature on any of this paperwork. I see Brian Wimmer from APAC and people like that. I'm just, I'm not trying to be difficult." **Kevin Wilson:** "Oh, no, no, no, no. It's right here. It's his initials. They're in the bottom." **Keith Hyslop:** "Why wouldn't they approve it after the work's been done? I'm just curious." **Kevin Wilson:** "It just... We're just saying that everybody's reviewed this and the work's been completed as it says on the payout." **Ken Doke:** "What we want to do is have them give us a thumbs up and a blessing that, yes, all of this is correct and we're good with this because we don't want to pay something and then not get reimbursed. But going forward, I think a lot of these are going to be direct pays straight to them. So, we'll never even have any money come out of our account. We'll reimburse for the stuff we fronted." **Kevin Wilson:** "We'll still be approving everything, but, yes, it'll be coming right out front if we want. And we're at the point now where we're receiving money now that will be replenishing the fund. So, we're not taking any additional funding out. But, yes, we're getting to the point where this was pre-approved and pre-paid for commerce. But, like I said, all we're doing today is just saying, yes, the work's been done, and it's been reviewed again by the county, by the engineer, and by commerce at this point." **Kenny Payne:** "And who is the engineer on this? Is it the same people we've been working with from the get-go?" **Kevin Wilson:** "Yeah. WSB." **Kenny Payne:** "It's self-protected, but I guess it's not." **Kevin Wilson:** "They're the primary on this project." **John Tyler Hammons:** "So it sounds like we're moving to accept the work. Is that right, moving to accept the work?" **Ken Doke:** "What motion do you actually need on this?" **Kevin Wilson:** "Just accepting the work's been completed, exactly." **Kenny Payne:** "Accepting the report." **Kevin Wilson:** "Or accepting the payout. Which says the work has been completed. We just want that reflected in the minutes so we can have that as documentation." There was no paperwork signed to support this motion. The motion was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Doke, approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 a.m. The motion was unanimous.